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## The Fed Applauds “Growing Up in B.C.” Report

*Penticton, BC* – The Federation of Community Social Services of BC (FCSSBC) applauds the BC’s Representative for Children and Youth and the Office for the Provincial Health Officer for the work behind their report released today **GROWING UP IN B.C. – 2015**, which measures the health and well-being of young people in BC according to six domains: physical and mental health; connection to family, peer and community; learning; safety; family economic wellbeing; and behavior.

“This report echoes what we’ve heard from our member organizations,” says Rick FitzZaland, Executive Director of The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, “that a cross-ministry plan in BC is needed to address the root causes of vulnerability to avoid sometimes tragic outcomes for children and youth at risk.”

The report can be found at: <http://www.rcybc.ca/guibc2015>.

The FCSSBC is a group of over 140 community-based social services organizations that influences decision-making to improve the wellbeing of communities. We believe that healthy supported communities make good economic sense and that helping those within our society who need support is a foundational principal of humanity.

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